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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 was allowed because the prior art of record does not teach or render obvious the total combination claimed for an image forming apparatus, wherein said controller is operable when determining that, if the sheet is caused to be temporarily stopped at the first location, the sheet cannot be conveyed to said transfer device by said conveying device in time for timing in which the image carried by said image carrier reaches said transfer device, for providing control to inhibit the sheet from being temporarily stopped at the first location.

Claim 5 was allowed because the prior art of record does not teach or render obvious the total combination claimed for an image forming apparatus, wherein said controller is operable when determining that, if the sheet is caused to be temporarily stopped at the first location, the sheet cannot be conveyed to said second transfer device by said conveying device in time for timing in which the image carried by said image carrier reaches said second transfer device, for providing control to inhibit the sheet from being temporarily stopped at the first location.

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examiner should be directed to Dave A Ghatt whose telephone number is (571) 272-2165. The

examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Andrew H Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for

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